

Public Utilities, Energy, & Technology Interim Committee

Rep. Stephen G. Handy, Chair Sen. Daniel Hemmert, Chair



Below is a list of five interim study items that were recommended by legislators for the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee to study during the 2017 interim period.

Study Item	Description	Requestor
1	<p>Broadband Privacy Rules</p> <p>Study Utah's regulations pertaining to barring unfair or deceptive practices which can be used against privacy violations. Other state and federal regulations aim to protect medical and financial records, but may not apply to internet service providers.</p> <p>Only a few states regulate specific practices by broadband providers. For example, Minnesota requires internet service providers to get customer permission before sharing their web browsing histories. The majority of states require business and government to tell their residents when their information has been hacked, but they have different approaches. At least 13 states require businesses to have reasonable security practices.</p> <p>What are Utah's regulations in this regard? Are Utah's citizens adequately protected? Should there be additional or less regulations? What are the procedures and laws that govern alerts that an individual has been hacked? Are these regulations adequate?</p>	Rep. Stephen G. Handy
2	<p>Combined Heat and Power</p> <p>Study the use of combined heat and power to generate power. Study and discuss how Utah can leverage its natural resources, combined heat and power, and innovative thinking to make businesses more competitive, lower emissions, and make the grid infrastructure more resilient in a cost-effective way.</p>	Rep. Stephen G. Handy

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3	Ethernet Cables Requests the committee to study regulations for electricians installing CAT Ethernet low voltage wires.	Sen. Gregg D. Buxton
4	Long-Term Energy Policy Long-term energy policy in the state, including stewardship of irreplaceable fossil fuels, solar-thermal and solar photovoltaic power generation, nuclear energy including thorium-fueled 4 th generation lithium fluoride molten salt reactors and other reactors.	Rep. Edward H. Redd
5	Status and Future of Renewable Energy Concerns with “one-off” legislation for renewable energy carve outs; the status and future of renewable energy in Utah’s portfolio in comparison to traditional fossil fuels for projects inside and outside of Utah. See S.B. 12 , 2012 General Session, and H.B. 297 , 2017 General Session.	Rep. Stephen G. Handy

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Below is a list of 13 actions or reports that are required by interim rule or statute for the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee to take part in.

Report	Reporting Entity	Time Frame	Description	Reference
1	Multiple state agencies	May Interim Meeting	Long-Term Planning Each interim committee shall devote part of its May interim meeting to long-term planning for the areas over which the committee has jurisdiction.	Interim Rule 2-2-103
2	Data Security Management Council	On or Before October 1	Data Security Management Council The council chair or the council chair's designee shall report annually no later than October 1 of each year to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee. The council's annual report shall contain: (a) a summary of topics the council studied during the year; (b) best practice recommendations for state government; and (c) recommendations for implementing the council's best practice recommendations.	Utah Code 63F-2-103
3	Department of Technology Services	Annual	Chief Information Officer Report The chief information officer shall report annually to the governor and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee. The report shall: (a) summarize the state's current and projected use of information technology; (b) summarize the executive branch strategic plan including a description of major changes in the executive branch strategic plan; and (c) provide a brief description of each state agency's information technology plan.	Reporting Requirement: Utah Code 63F-1-201(3)(a) Contents of Report: Utah Code 63F-1-201(3)(b)

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4	Department of Technology Services	Annual	<p>Interbranch Information Technology Coordination Plan</p> <p>The chief information officer shall prepare an interbranch information technology coordination plan that provides for the coordination where possible of the development, acquisition, and maintenance of information technology and information systems of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the executive branch; (b) the judicial branch; (c) the legislative branch; (d) the Board of Regents; and (e) the State Board of Education. <p>The chief information officer shall submit the interbranch coordination plan to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee for comment.</p> <p>The chief information officer may modify the interbranch coordination plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) at the request of the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee; or (b) to improve the coordination between the entities described above. 	Utah Code 63F-1-201 (4) and (5)
5	Department of Technology Services	Annual	<p>Executive Branch Information Technology Strategic Plan</p> <p>Unless withdrawn by the chief information officer or the governor in accordance with Subsection (3)(b), the executive branch strategic plan takes effect 30 days after the day on which the executive branch strategic plan is submitted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the governor; and (ii) the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee. <p>The Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee may make recommendations to the governor and to the chief information officer if the commission determines that the executive branch strategic plan should be modified or for any other reason should not take effect.</p> <p>Modifications adopted by the chief information officer shall be resubmitted to the governor and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee for their review or approval as provided in Subsections (3)(a) and (b).</p>	Utah Code 63F-1-203 (3)

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6	Department of Technology Services	Semiannual	Report on Status of IT Projects The Department of Technology Services shall develop systems and methodologies to review, evaluate, and prioritize existing information technology projects within the executive branch and report to the governor and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee on a semiannual basis regarding the status of information technology projects.	Utah Code 63F-1-104(12)
7	Department of Technology Services	Before November 30 Until Database and Web Portal are Complete	Single Sign-on Database The Department of Technology Services shall report to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee before November 30 of each year beginning in 2017 until the development of the business database and the single sign-on web portal is complete, regarding the progress the department has made in developing the business database and the single sign-on web portal.	Utah Code 63F-3-104
8	Governor	Periodically	Periodic Report on the Expenditure of Funds It is the intent of the Legislature that the governor provide periodic reports on the expenditure of the funds provided for electronic technology, equipment, and hardware to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee, the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Legislative Management Committee.	Utah Code 63B-3-301(25)
9	Office of Energy Development	Annual	Legislative Committee Review The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee shall review the state energy policy annually and propose any changes to the Legislature.	Utah Code 63M-4-302

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10	Office of Energy Development	Annual	<p>Alternative Energy Development Tax Credit Act</p> <p>The office shall annually provide an electronic report to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee describing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) its success in attracting alternative energy projects to the state and the resulting increase in new state revenues under this part; (2) the amount of tax credits the office has granted or will grant and the time period during which the tax credits have been or will be granted; and (3) the economic impact on the state by comparing new state revenues to tax credits that have been or will be granted under this part. 	Utah Code 63M-4-505
11	Office of Energy Development	Annual	<p>High Cost Infrastructure Development Tax Credit Act</p> <p>The office shall report annually to the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee describing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the office's success in attracting high cost infrastructure projects to the state and the resulting increase in infrastructure-related revenue under this part; (2) the amount of tax credits the office has granted or will grant and the time period during which the tax credits have been or will be granted; and (3) the economic impact on the state by comparing infrastructure-related revenue to tax credits that have been or will be granted under this part. 	Utah Code 63M-4-605
12	Public Service Commission	Before December 1 in 2017 and 2018	<p>Public Service Commission Report</p> <p>The commission shall report to the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee before December 1 in 2017 and 2018 regarding whether allowing an electrical corporation to continue to recover costs under Subsection (2)(d) is reasonable and in the public interest.</p>	Utah Code 54-7-13.5(6)

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13	Public Service Commission	When Necessary	<p>Telecommunication Network Review</p> <p>Before the creation, expansion, or upgrade of a state-owned or state-funded telecommunication network, whether voice, data, or video transmission, the agency or entity proposing any change shall submit a plan to the governor detailing the proposed changes.</p> <p>If, after consultation with the agency or entity it is the opinion of the governor that implementation of the plan would result in significant impact on telephone ratepayers, the governor shall direct the Public Service Commission to prepare an advisory report detailing how implementing the plan will affect telephone ratepayers where the plan would be in effect.</p> <p>The Public Service Commission shall complete and provide the advisory report to the governor, the agency or entity involved, and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee within 60 days after receiving the governor's request.</p> <p>The Public Service Commission may not conduct any public hearings or proceedings in the preparation of the report.</p>	Utah Code 69-4-1

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